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FOR SCOWCROFT FROM EAGLEBERGER
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN RIYADH.
PLEASE PASS IT TO ZIEGLER.

BEGIN TEXT

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN TO THE KINGDOM
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT TO HIS MAJESTY
ABOUT THE TALKS THAT I HAVE HAD ON BEHALF OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST DURING THIS WEEK. PROGRESS WAS MADE IN ESTABLISHING
A NEGOTIATING PROCESS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA. AND THE
UNITED STATES WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO PROMOTE DISENGAGEMENT
ON THE SYRIAN FRONT AS WELL AS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT, AND
WE CONSIDER THIS AS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST. WHEN I SEE HIS MAJESTY,
I PLAN IN ADDITION TO DISCUSS STRENGTHENING THE ALREADY
CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE
UNITED STATES. ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT NIXON I WANT TO
EXPRESS WITH GREAT STRESS THE PLEDGE OF STRENGTHENING THE
TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I APPRECIATE THE VERY
FRIENDLY WORDS OF MY FRIEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I LOOK
FORWARD TO GOOD, CORDIAL AND EXTENDED TALKS WITH HIM AND TO THE
AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY. END TEXT

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